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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECT TO ADD REF E. PREVIOUSLY OMITTED)

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: USS HANCOCK TASK FORCE

REF: A. STATE 219378; B. TEHRAN 7888; C. CTG 77.6 110635Z NOV 73

D. IWF 73 160546Z (NOTAL); E. COMSEVENTHFLT 150750Z NOV (NOTAL);

F. CTG 77.6 181114Z NOV 73 (NOTAL)

1. REFS D AND E SUGGEST THERE MAY BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO AGREEMENT WEI HAVE REACHED WITH GOI REGARDING HANCOCK TASK FORCE OPERATION.

2. PURSUANT TO REF A, WE REQUESTED SPECIFIC QUANTITIES OF FUEL FOR THIRTY-DAY PERIOD. GOI APPROVED THAT REQUEST. HOWEVER, REF D REFERS TO VISITS OF THREE USN TANKERS TO IRANIAN PORTS TO TAKE FUEL; LAST OF THESE PORT CALLS IS SET FOR 17-19 DEC. REF E SUGGESTED USN OR COMMERCIAL TANKERS MIGHT TAKE DELIVERY OF FUEL AT IRANIAN PORTS, DELIVER CERTAIN QUANTITY TO TASK FORCE AND PROCEED TO OTHER DESTINATION TO DISCHARGE REMAINING SUPPLY. WE WISH EMPHASIZE THAT WE HAVE SECURED IRANIAN AUTHORIZATION TO PICK UP FUEL ONLY FOR HANCOCK TASK FORCE OPERATIONS
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DURING THIRTY-DAY PERIOD. THERE IS NO AUTHORITY TO TAKE ON FUEL FOR DELIVERY TO OTHER AREAS. IF USG WISHES TO EXTEND PERIOD OF HANCOCK OPERATIONS OR TO INCREASE QUANTITY OF FUEL FOR TASK FORCE, WE

SHOULD BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE SUPPLEMENTARY
REQUEST TO GOI WILL BE REQUIRED.

3. REF F INFORMS US OF POSTPONEMENT OF COD FLIGHT TO
TRANSPORT IIN OFFICERS TO VISIT TASK FORCE. IRANIANS
HAVE ALREADY REACTED POSITIVELY TO OUR INVITATION TO
VISIT TASK FORCE. TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT, ANY SLIPPAGE
IN INVITATION SHOQRD BE EXPLAINED AND INVITATION SHOULD
BE RE-SCHEDULED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.
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